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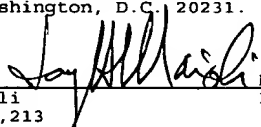
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisaki HIRAIWA
Serial No.: 09/485,146
Filed: February 3, 2000
For: NETWORK MANAGING METHOD AND SELECTING
METHOD OF NETWORK MANAGER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-
identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
above-identified application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- Page 1, line 6, after "by" insert --a--;
- line 19, change "called simply" to --referred--;
- Page 2, line 21, change "three" to --two--;
- same line, delete "and 153";
- line 22, change "three" to --two--;